

3. Mr. Lyman Hamilton, one of the specially cleared Bureau of the Budget staff who handles CIA matters, called me to see whether there was any change in the Agency views concerning the Mansfield resolution. I told him that we had not changed our position; that the final say in such matters was up to Congress; but that we felt that the Armed Services Committees were our parent committees and we look to them to handle such matters without the need of interposing an additional group. I called Mr. Hamilton's attention to Sen. Mansfield's comments on introducing the resolution and noted that this may well raise major questions in the field of separation of powers. Mr. Hamilton told me that he had talked last year with the Bureau of the Budget's Atomic Energy Commission examiner about how a joint committee had functioned with AEC, and the examiner had listed many objections, first and foremost of which was the size of the Committee staff which kept AEC personnel busy for literally weeks on end in answering questions and preparing reports and data for the Joint Committee staff. This examiner felt that other detriments of a joint committee were such that security was only fourth on the list.

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